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# MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 33,155; Week ago 31,541; Year ago 45,020 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. S	ΓEERS:	Fdr. H	EIFERS:	Hols.	<u>STEERS</u>
353 lbs.	124.80	359 lbs.	108.61	357 lbs.	78.42
454 lbs.	120.45	463 lbs.	105.57	435 lbs.	72.29
547 lbs.	119.20	547 lbs.	102.37	540 lbs.	68.46
648 lbs.	108.83	648 lbs.	95.08	663 lbs.	67.58
753 lbs.	98.14	737 lbs.	88.75	746 lbs.	62.77
842 lbs.	91.93	862 lbs.	81.43	851 lbs.	61.95
920 lbs.	86.96	916 lbs.	83.10	917 lbs.	55.79

# SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains)

Receipts: 2950, Week ago 5528, Year ago 4738

Compared to last week, steers under 550 lbs and heifers under 500 lbs 2.00 to 6.00 lower with most pressure on unweaned, fleshy or lower quality offerings. Heavier weights weak to 2.00 lower except better quality weaned/vac 550-600 lb steers and 6 weight heifers fully steady. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower, bulls 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

	EERS: and Large 1		FERS: nd Large 1
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	109.50-119.00 105.00-115.00 103.50-108.50 94.00-100.50	600-700 lbs.	100.00 97.00-104.00 94.00-103.00 93.00-99.00 90.00 Scarce
Large 3  Pkg 393 lbs. 400-550 lbs. Lot 681 lbs. 700-900 lbs.	80.00 68.00-72.50 65.50 60.00-66.50	SLAUGHTER ( Breaking and Bo lean) 46.00-54.0 51.00-55.00, Lea 45.00-48.00, lov -45.00	oning (70-85% 00, high dressing an (85-90%)

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1400-2440 lbs 62.00-66.00, couple high dressing 69.50-70.50, low dressing 54.50-63.00 COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium to mostly Large 1-2 Complete herd dispersal 2-6 yrs 1050-1225 lbs with babies to 250 lb calves 1150.00-1250.00 per pair, few lots Hereford 5-6 yrs 1100-1225 lbs with babies to 250 lb calves 1075.00-1125.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:
Medium and Large 1-2, 2-6 yrs
1000-1350 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage
700.00-850.00 per head, large
consignment 3-6 yrs 1250-1280
lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 975.001070.00 per head, couple lots
Hereford 1100-1200 lbs 2nd and
3rd stage 750.00-800.00. Several mostly short-solid mouth
1100-1350 lbs 600.00-700.00.

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# SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 6258; week ago 7396; year ago 8531 Cow and Bull Receipts 1600; week ago 2032; year ago 2212 Compared to last week, feeder steers steady to 5.00 lower, Holsteins 2.00 to 6.00 lower, heifers 1.00– to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold 1.00 to 2.00 lower, bulls steady to 5.00 lower.

STEERS.

SIE	ERS:	HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	Scarce	400-500 lbs.	97.00-108.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-120.00	500-600 lbs.	96.00-106.00
600-700 lbs.	99.00-115.00	600-700 lbs.	89.25-97.00
700-800 lbs.	91.00-110.00	700-800 lbs.	82.50-95.50
800-900 lbs.	90.00-94.00	800-900 lbs.	79.50-82.00
900-1000 lbs.	85.00-87.00	900-1000 lbs.	Scarce
HOLS'	<u>ΓΕΙΝS:</u>	SLAUGHTER C	OWS: Breaking
Large I	Frame 3	and Boning (70-8	35% lean) 46.00-
200 400 11	<b></b>	53.00, high dress	sing 50.00-56.50,
300-400 lbs.	75.00-89.00	Lean (85-90%) 4	1.00-46.00, low
400-500 lbs.	64.50-84.00	dressing 32.00-42	2.50
500-600 lbs.	63.00-76.00	SLAUGHTER B	ULLS: Yield
600-700 lbs.	93.50-69.00	Grade 1-2, 1180-	2250 lbs 58.00-
700-800 lbs.	60.00-65.50	65.00, high dress	
800-900 lbs.	60.00-65.00	low dressing 51.0	
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce	Ü	
REPLACEMEN	T COWS:	COW & CALF P.	AIRS: Medium
Medium and Lar	ge 1-2 2 yrs to	and Large 1-2 2	yrs to short-solid
short-solid mout	h 2nd and 3rd	mouth 1000-1325	b lb cows with
stage 990-1350 1	bs most 650.00-	babies to 350 lb c	alves, several
925.00, several r	nore attractive	rebred most 825.0	00-1125.00, sev-
950.00-1125.00.		eral pkgs blacks a	and yellows with
		300-400 lb calves	1250.00-1390.00.

# NORTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

FEEDER HEIFERS:

(Maryville, St Joe)

Receipts: 5849, Week ago 4783, Year ago 4246

FEEDER STEERS:

Compared to last week steers and heifers under 500 lbs 5.00-10.00 lower, feeders over 500 lbs 2.00-7.00 lower except 500-650 lb steers fully steady. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00-2.00 lower.

Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1		
	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.		400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs.	103.00-107.00 96.00-110.50 95.00-105.75 90.50-97.25 87.50-93.50 83.00-85.00
	SLAUGHTER Grade 1-2, 143	•	SLAUGHTER (	COWS: Breaking -85% lean) 49.00 ssing 52.00-
	BRED COWS:	Scarce	SLAUGHTER S	STEERS AND

HEIFERS: Scarce

#### WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 3947; Week ago 4335; Year ago 4603 Compared to last week feeders weak-7.00 lower, some good quality five and six weights 2.00-4.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady-3.00

FEEDER ST Medium and Lar		<u>FEEDER I</u> Medium and L	
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs	115.00-134.00 113.00-128.50 104.75-126.75 92.00-113.00 90.00-103.75 89.00-92.50	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	99.75-119.50 92.00-112.50 90.00-108.75 90.00-106.50 82.00-93.50 Scarce
REPLACEMENT C	OWS: Scarce	SLAUGHTER CO and Boning (75-8 53.50, High dress Lean (85-90%) 44 dressing 32.00-43	5% lean) 46.25- ing 51.00-58.50, 1.00-49.25, low
COW & CALF PAII	RS: Scarce	SLAUGHTER BU Grade 1-2, 1100-2 65.50, low dressin	2340 lbs 58.00-

# EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Grade 1-2 1500-2400 lbs 57.50-

REPLACEMENT COWS: Scarce

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 5384; Week ago 4728; Year ago 6177

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers steady to 10.00 lower.

Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

2-3 1050-1300 lbs 86.25-87.75

COW & CALF PAIRS: Scarce

FEEDER STEERS:		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1		
350-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. SLAUGHTER STE ERS: Few Select a 85.00-88.00, few 88	110.00-124.50 105.00-120.00 95.00-115.00 90.00-105.00 84.50-90.50 ERS and HEIF- nd Choice 2-4	500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. SLAUGHTER C Boning, (70-85%	sing 52.00-57.00, 00-52.00 BULLS: Yield -2300 lbs 55.00-	

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon) Feeder Cattle Receipts 7645; week ago 3242; year ago 7876 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 73; week ago 11; year ago 45 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter steers and heifers steady.

Medium and Large 1-2		Medium and	l Large 1-2	
	300-400 lbs.	130.50-138.00	300-400 lbs.	107.00-118.00
	400-500 lbs.	116.00-134.00	400-500 lbs.	100.00-116.00
	500-600 lbs.	112.50-130.00	500-600 lbs.	100.00-111.50
	600-700 lbs.	104.50-118.00	600-700 lbs.	90.00-103.60
	700-800 lbs.	92.35-105.00	700-800 lbs.	85.00-93.00
	800-900 lbs.	88.00-96.20	800-900 lbs.	80.00-85.35
	<u>SLAUGHTER STE</u> 3 1150-1300 lbs 87		SLAUGHTER CO and Boning (75-8: 57.00, low dressin	5% lean) 48.00-
	SLAUGHTER HEI	IFERS: Choice	SLAUGHTER BU	JLLS: Yield

#### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1834; Week ago: 1670; Year ago 1905

Compared to last week, 300-400 lb steers 1.00 to 2.00 higher, all other weights steady to 4.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady, bulls 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:	
Medium an	d Large 1-2	Medium ar	nd Large 1-2
200-300 lbs.	120.00-133.00	200-300 lbs.	117.00-120.00
300-400 lbs.	108.00-123.00	300-400 lbs.	100.00-113.00
400-500 lbs.	101.00-121.00	400-500 lbs.	89.00-108.50
500-600 lbs.	93.50-110.00	500-600 lbs.	80.00-99.00
600-700 lbs.	89.00-103.00	600-700 lbs.	82.00-92.50
700-800 lbs.	84.50-96.00	700-800 lbs.	79.25-82.50
REPLACEMENT	<u>COWS:</u> ge 1-2 3-7 yrs 910		COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 44.75-
-1320 lbs 2nd and			sing 51.75-54.75,
640.00-820.00	i Jiu stage	Lean 35.50-40.2	
040.00-820.00		Lean 33.30-40.2	J.
COW & CALF P		SLAUGHTER I	BULLS: Yield
and Large 1-2 4-	7 yrs 875-1315	Grade 1-2, few	1260-2055 lbs
lbs with 80-190 ll	calves 675.00-	54.50-62.25, hig	th dressing 66.50,
1050.00 per pair.		low dressing 51.	25

### SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

Receipts: 1100, Week ago 3186, Year ago 3503

Compared to last week, feeder steers sold 2.00 to 5.00 lower, heifers steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

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300-400 lbs.	118.50	300-400 lbs.	106.25
400-500 lbs.	110.00-119.50	400-500 lbs.	98.00-105.00
500-600 lbs.	109.00-114.50	500-600 lbs	95.50-106.50
600-700 lbs.	102.50-106.75	600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-850 lbs.	Scarce Scarce	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
REPLACEMENT and Large 1-2 2-6 2nd stage 650.00-8	yrs 1020-1450 lbs	SLAUGHTER of ing and Boning 46.75-53.50, high	(70-85% lean)
_	•	57.00-60.00, Le	an (85-90%)

	32.30-41.00.
COW & CALF PAIRS Medium and	SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield
Large 1-2 2-4 yrs 950-1225 lbs with	Grade 1-2, 1410-2070 lbs 55.75
baby calves 700.00-760.00 per pair.	-60.00, low dressing 47.50-
	54.00

### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 200; Week ago 600; Year ago 600 Compared to last week, trade inactive as of 8:00 a.m. Friday. No confirmed live sales or dress sales poorly tested.

STEERS: few 50% Choice 1200 STEERS AND HEIFERS: -1250 lbs 87.00 late last Friday No Sales

HEIFERS: No Sales GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs few 141.00

# INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 6379; Week ago 8280; Year ago 8304 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.00 lower to 1.00 higher Sows 1.00 to 3.00 lower.

SOWS: **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 

300-500 lbs 11.00-14.00 Base carcass meat price 42.00-47.00, weekly top Friday 47.00 Over 500 lbs 14.00-17.00

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 11,841 (4-04-08)

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 2.50 lower and feeder pigs not tested last week. Supply and demand moderate.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights

85% formulated 11,841 head 10 lbs 23.00-38.88, weighted average 10 lbs. 34.23

Feeder pigs 100% formulated No sales reported

#### WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	319.50	260.00	340.00	123.00
St. Louis	336.00	275.00	347.50	120.50

# Midwest Exchange Regional Stockyards, Mexico, MO 4/03/08 Receipts: 95, Last Week: 85

Sheep: Slaughter Lambs: two pkgs Choice Wooled 115-135 lbs 91.00-93.00. Feeder lambs: scarce. Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-2 wooled 110-170 lbs 16.00-19.00, pkg Cull 140 lbs 12.00. Slaughter Bucks: Scarce. Goats Slaughter Kids: Selection 1-2 few 80 lbs 71.00-74.00; Selection 2 few 40-45 lbs 23.00-26.00; Selection 3 35-50 lbs 16.00 -21.00. Releplacement and Slaughter Nannies: Selection 2-3 80-120 lbs 25.00-45.00; Selection 3 thin 60-90 lbs 13.00-18.00. Billies: Selection 2 few 160-195 lbs 99.00-122.50. Sheep prices per cwt, and goat prices per head based on actual weights.

# Springfield Dairy Sale 03/25/08 Receipts 758, last month 776, last year 1301

Springer Heifers: Supreme 2025.00-24.00, Jerseys 2000.00-2500.00, Crossbreds 1725.00-1975.00, Approved 1525.00-1925.00, Jerseys 1600.00-1900.00, Crossbreds 1300.00-1675.00, Bred 3 to 6 months: Supreme 1900.00-2200.00, Jerseys 1700.00-1925.00, Approved 1520.00-1875.00. Open Heifers: Approved 200-400 lbs 800.00-950.00, Crossbreds 475.00-530.00, 400-600 lbs 1020.00-1250.00, 600-800 lbs 1200.00-1250.00, 700-800 lbs 1300.00-1430.00, Replacement cows: Fresh and Milking Approved 1725.00-1850.00, crossbreds 1575.00-1600.00, Medium 1025.00-1325.00, Springer Cows: Approved 1625.00-1700.00, Crossbreds 1525.00-1785.00, Medium 1275.00-1575.00, Jerseys 1100.00-1225.00, Baby Calves: Holstein heifers 470.00-530.00, Holstein Bulls 90.00-135.00, small 30.00-85.00, Crossbred Heifers 120.00-210.00.

# Diamond—Whites Goat and Sheep Market Receipts: 1084 Last Month: 1243 Last Year: 1858

GOATS: Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 50-60 lbs 126.00-159.00; 60-70 lbs 150.00-175.00. Selection 1-2 70-80 lbs 105.00-130.00, on lot 156.00. Selection 2 60-70 lbs 136.00-140.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 2-3 75-90 lbs 32.00-40.00. Billies: Selection 1-3 120-150 lbs 60.00-73.00. Replacement Classes: Does/Nannies Selection 1 reg. 85.00-150.00 per head not reg. 70-141 lbs 60.00-87.50 per cwt. Selection 2-3 60-130 lbs 33.00-57.50 per cwt. Goat Familes Selection 1 100.00-250.00. Selection 2 60.00-95.00. Selection 3 40.00-50.00 per family. Billies: few reg boer Selection 1 185.00-200.00 per head. Feeder/stocker kids: Selection 1 40-50 lbs 140.00-175.00; Selection 1-2 25-30 lbs 107.50-151.00; 30-40 lbs 121.00-137.50. Selection 2 40-50 lbs 126.00-138.00. Selection 3 30-40 80.00-118.00; 40-50 lbs 108.00-120.00. **SHEEP:** Slaughter Lambs: Wooled Choice 1-2 60-70 lbs 127.50-135.00, one lot 150.00, 118-130 lbs 81.00-97.00, hair lambs 70-80 lbs 105.00-134.00. Feeder Lambs: Wooled 50-60 lbs 131.00-135.00; hair lambs 50-60 lbs 120.00-152.00, 60-70 lbs 126.00-133.00. Replacement Ewes: Wooled 115-185 lbs 36.00-45.00. Hair Lambs 80-155 lbs 33.00-57.50.

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .09 to .64 higher, Wheat .03 higher to .15 lower, Corn .30 to .38 higher, KC Wheat .06 to .27 higher, Soybean Meal nearby 3.00 to 8.80 lower, others .20 to 9.00 higher.

# Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans May Jul Aug Sep Nov	1197 1/4 1215 1197 1155 1089 1/2	1211 1234 1224 1198 1147 1/4	1243 1259 1/2 1252 1215 1169 3/4	1257 1276 1268 1238 1195 1/4	1277 1294 1287 1262 1223 3/4
Wheat May Jul Sep Dec Mar	929 937 946 960 967	895 912 1/2 918 1/2 941 1/2 950	936 1/2 950 1/2 963 1/2 975 1/2 985	937 952 1/2 961 1/2 977 987	974 1/4 991 1/2 1003 1012 1/2 1022 1/2
Corn May Jul Sep Dec Mar	567 1/4 582 584 1/2 518 589 3/4	584 598 598 1/2 593 599 1/2	596 3/4 609 1/2 607 3/4 603 608 1/2	600 613 1/2 614 610 1/4 616	598 611 1/4 612 608 3/4 615 1/2
KC Wheat May Jul Sep Dec Mar	955 980 980 1000 1003	950 959 968 985 1010	986 998 1002 1016 1020	996 1/4 1004 1008 1020 1026	1028 1/2 1036 1/4 1046 1060 1/2 1072
SB Meal May Jul Aug Sep Oct	322.30 324.80 317.00 304.80 275.00	330.50 333.50 329.00 319.00 294.50	331.00 334.50 329.00 318.00 294.00	333.20 336.20 331.50 321.50 298.00	333.50 336.70 334.00 325.00 304.20

# WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .25 to 1.90 higher, Lean Hogs .42 to 2.43 higher, Pork Bellies .95 to 2.50 higher, Feeder Cattle .05 to 1.82 lower.

Daily Futures Closes

Daily Futures Closes								
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.			
Cattle Apr Jun Aug Oct Dec	87.45 87.75 93.95 99.05 101.40	87.40 88.12 93.57 99.60 101.70	86.20 87.55 93.25 99.30 101.30	87.70 89.07 94.40 99.85 101.75	87.90 89.20 94.77 100.25 102.00			
Lean Hogs Apr May Jun Jul Aug	57.07 66.30 67.95 71.25 71.05	56.00 65.65 66.42 69.40 69.92	55.60 65.27 66.60 69.15 70.32	57.62 68.12 69.60 72.15 73.25	58.52 71.00 72.22 74.12 75.30			
Prk Bel Mar May Jul Aug Feb	67.50 69.80 70.55 87.42 87.92	67.07 69.00 69.70 87.40	67.87 69.50 70.55 87.40	70.87 72.50 73.30 87.40	72.10 74.15 74.50 88.00			
Fdr Cat Apr May Aug Sep Oct	99.30 101.22 105.75 106.70 106.90	99.12 101.35 105.25 106.50 106.50	97.60 99.55 103.50 104.72 105.15	98.70 100.80 104.70 105.75 106.62	98.60 101.10 105.57 106.75 107.17			
Milk Mar Apr May	18.02 16.87 17.32	16.84 17.29	16.84 17.40	16.72 17.34	16.72 17.31			

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#### MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .20 to .35 higher Wheat .18 lower to .06 higher Corn .32 to .41 higher Grain Sorghum .66 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy- beans	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	11.27 11.46 11.83 11.97 12.27	7.50 7.35 7.61 7.71 8.04	5.40 5.60-5.62 5.72-5.74 5.78 5.76	9.23 9.54 9.75 9.82 9.79
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	11.47-11.58 11.62-11.82 12.00-12.14 12.27-12.40 12.52-12.60	7.37 7.13 7.51 7.53 8.02	5.66-5.70 5.74-5.80 5.84-5.92 5.91-5.99 5.91-5.97	9.41 9.71 9.92 10.00 9.96
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	10.32-10.47 11.11-11.26 11.43-11.58 11.62-11.72 11.82-11.92	7.49-7.86 7.45-7.82 7.87-8.24 7.87-8.24 8.24-8.61	5.37-5.40 5.54-5.57 5.64-5.68 5.66-5.72 5.64-5.70	8.87 9.17 n/a n/a n/a
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	11.43 11.60-11.66 11.97-12.07 12.12-12.27 12.45-12.53	8.80 8.48-8.51 8.91-8.92 8.05-8.93 8.44-9.30	5.48 5.61-5.70 5.75-5.82 5.82-5.86 5.81-5.84	9.37 9.60-9.94 9.82-10.17 9.85-10.23 9.85-10.25

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
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# Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

This week's big news comes from the release of the planting intentions report released on Monday. Nationwide the expectation is for a 2% loss of hav acres this year which comes to about 1.2 million fewer acres. Another blow to producers here in MO is the cool weather and flooding the state has been experiencing the past few weeks, which is hampering pasture and hay growth. Many producers would be glad to get a good yield on the first cutting, this is still possible but cuttings are likely to be delayed which will make it harder for alfalfa producers to get the number of cuttings this season they would like to have. Several loads of hay are being sold as grass has been slow to grow. Producers are trying not to allow cattle to overgraze the few sprigs of grass that have come up and harm pastures until they begin to grow at a faster pace than they can be digested. Hay prices are steady, the supply and demand is moderate. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for both buyers and sellers. To be listed of for a hay directory, call 1-800-877 4HAY (4429) or visit http://www.mda.mo.gov/ pdf/MOHayDirectory.pdf (All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 160.00-190.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 140.00-175.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 80.00-140.00 Small, Big squares 90.00-160.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.50-6.50 per bale, 40.00-75.00 per large round bale, Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-125.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 40.00-75.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 80.00-130.00 Good quality Brome 60.00-120.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 30.00-50.00. Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00 -4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 30.00-50.00 per round bale. Fair to good quality bluestem 40.00 per round bale, Fair to good quality Bermuda grass 50.00-65.00 per round bale, or 70.00 to 80.00 per ton, Wheat hay 50.00-70.00, Wheat straw 2.00-3.50 small bale.